

PATENT

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APPLICANT : YOKOKAWA, Kazuyuki
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant greatly appreciates the telephonic interview granted and conducted on December 2, 2009 with respect to the above-captioned matter between the Examiner, Victor S. Chang, and the Applicant's representative, John P. Cornely.

The present paper is being submitted as a written summary of the substance of the aforementioned interview in accordance with 37 CFR §1.133(b) and §713.04 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

During the interview:

- no exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted;
- independent claims 26, 48 and 56-58 were primarily discussed;
- the prior art discussed was Onishi (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,173,649); and
- no specific amendments to the claims were proposed.

In the interview, Applicant's representative presented arguments essentially as set forth in the paper "Reply to Office Action," filed December 2, 2009. In summary, the arguments were: (1) Onishi does not teach that folding actually causes separation; and (2) Onishi does not disclose a cut line in the printing layer or ink-receptive layer (i.e., the claimed first layer), rather Onishi disclosed the cut line in the substrate layer only.

The result of the interview was that the Examiner agreed to reconsider the outstanding rejections, and in particular, the Examiner indicated that the second argument seemed to be well taken.

Of course, if the Examiner feels that personal contact would facilitate expedited disposition of the present application, then he/she is hereby invited to contact the below signed representative of the Applicant.

January 4, 2010
Date

Respectfully submitted,

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